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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7691

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FOR NEA/EX

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: APER, SY
SUBJECT: WRIGHT DEPARTURE, THEROS ARRIVAL

1. HAVING NOT HEARD FROM DEPT CONCERNING THEROS; ETA SINCE THE AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATIONS IN MARCH (AND REALIZING THEROS HAS RECENTLY BEEN ON BEIRUT TDY), WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE RE EXPECTED ETA FOR THEROS SO WE MAY PLAN ON WRIGHT DEPARTURE. WRIGHT HAS EUR-REQUIRED ETA TURIN IN EARLY AUGUST ON DIRECT TRANSFER, WITH CONSULTATIONS IN ROME ENROUTE, AND ALSO PLANS ON SOME LEAVE ENROUTE (HE CURRENTLY FACES FORFEITURE 208 HOURS A/L BY END OF YEAR.)

2. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEROS RETURNED TO FSI ECONOMICS COURSE. IF NOT, WE WOULD HOPE HE COULD ARRIVE BY JULY 10 IN ORDER HAVE GOOD SUBSTANTIVE OVERLAP WITH WRIGHT PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE (PREPARATIONS FOR DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR OPENING JULY 25 WILL PROVIDE EXCELENT SUBSTANTIVE BREAK-IN AND CONTACT PERIOD FRO THEROS). MR. AND MRS. THEROS CAN STAY WITH WRIGHT AS HIS FAMILY WILL HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED. AT LATEST, THEROS SHOULD ARRIVE BY JULY 21 IN ORDER HAVE MINIMAL OVERLAP WITH WRIGHT DURING HIS FINAL PACKING/CHECKOUT PERIOD.

3. DOES THEROS DESIRE ANY FURTHER INFO TO THAT CONTAINED IN WRIGHT'S JANUARY 19 LETTER?
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